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SUBJ: TOTTORI GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION

1. ON MARCH 24, KOZO HIRABAYASHI (43), LDP-BACKED INDEPENDENT, DEFEATED REFORMIST CANDIDATE YOSHIRO NORIMOTO (48) IN TOTTORI GUBERNATORIAL ELECTION. ELECTION WAS HELD TO FILL VACANCY CREATED BY RESIGNATION OF JIRO ISHIBA WHO WILL RUN IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTION THIS SUMMER.

2. WITH 81 PERCENT VOTER TURN-OUT, HIRABAYASHI OBTAINED 188,548 VOTES, WHILE NORIMOTO (ENDORSED BY JSP AND JCP AND ALSO SUPPORTED BY KOMEITO) RECEIVED 133,987. HIRABAYASHI, TOKYO UNIVERSITY GRADUATE AND FORMER CHIEF OF TOTTORI PREFECTURE GENERAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, IS NOW JAPAN'S YOUNGEST PREFECTURAL GOVERNOR.

3. ALTHOUGH POLITICAL OBSERVERS EXPECTED HIRABAYASHI TO WIN, THEY FELT INFLATION ISSUE AND FIRST-TIME ADDITION OF KOMEITO TO TOTTORI REFORMIST LINE-UP MIGHT MAKE VICTORY MARGIN MORE NARROW THAN IT WAS. HOWEVER, COMBINED OPPOSITION FAILED TO EFFECTIVELY COORDINATE NORIMOTO CAMPAIGN AND,
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MOREOVER, MANY KOMEITO MEMBERS APPARENTLY VOTED FOR HARA-

BAYASHI. STILL, IN COMPARISON WITH 1972 GENERAL ELECTION
RESULTS (WITH APPROXIMATELY SAME NUMBER OF VOTERS), LDP
MARGIN OVER COMBINED OPPOSITION DECLINED FROM ROUGHLY 100,000
TO 55,000.
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